1 - Mr. J. B. Adams
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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

In the attached newspaper article which appeared in "The Washington Post" on 12/17/75, Jack Anderson claims that shortly after King's assassination on 4/4/68, Mr. Hoover, through an intermediary, sent word to Anderson that the motive behind the murder of King was cuckoldry and that the assassin apparently had been hired by a jealous husband. According to this article, the FBI intermediary identified the Los Angeles couple to Anderson.

Personnel in the Intelligence and General Investigative Divisions, familiar with our investigations of King and his assassination, were canvassed and had no recollection that an FBI representative contacted Anderson and advanced the above motive theory outlined in his article. In addition to canvassing personnel familiar with our investigations concerning King, there was recently completed a serial-by-serial review of the assassination (MURKIN) case and no evidence was discovered that Anderson was contacted.

Our canvass of personnel included SAC Richard Long of the Phoenix Office, who supervised the MURKIN case at FBIHQ. Long stated that early in the MURKIN investigation, prior to identifying Ray, the Bureau interviewed a number of people close to King, including the Los Angeles woman with whom King had had a close relationship, to ask them if King had confided in them information relating to threats on King's life, which information could be used for leads in determining the identity of the assassin. However, Long did not recall anyone going to Anderson as claimed in the article.

ACTION:

None. For information and record purposes.

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